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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

The present Amendment is submitted in reply to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated May 18, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire August 18, 2006.